MR. G. RAMAN MENON (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): It is stated in the answer that a private ferry service is established there. May I know whether it is not desirable for the Government to establish a free ferry until the broken bridge is replaced?

MR. N. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): The policy of Government in this matter is to encourage private enterprise.

Coercive steps for recovery of Arrears of Land Revenue.

2. **MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI** (*Chirayinkil*): With reference to coercive measures taken against defaulters in Chirayinkil taluk for recovering arrears of land revenue, will the Government be pleased to give a statement by pakuthies showing:

(*a*) the total number of seizure and sale of movable properties; and

(*b*) the total number of attachment and sale of immovable properties?

MR. N. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): The information asked for by the member cannot be furnished without indication of the year in respect of which the particulars are asked for.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): May I know whether the original interpellation that I sent is with the member now?

MR. N. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): The answer is in the negative.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): It is stated in the answer that without indication of the year in respect of which the particulars are asked for it is rather impossible to give the information. I want to know whether the interpellation that I sent to Government, the original itself, is now with the member so that I may have a look at it and satisfy myself whether the years are there or not.

MR. N. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): It is not available at present. It may be made available.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): May I know the date on which this particular interpellation was sent to Government?

MR. N. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): I cannot furnish that information just at present.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): Approximately speaking, the particular interpellation was sent to Government about two months back; so that even if there was any defect the Secretary could have communicated it to the member and got it corrected instead of giving a subtle, technical, and evading answer like this.

MR. N. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): That is not a supplementary question.

Revenue from the sale of Piscary rights in the Anathazha Chira.

3. **MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI** (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): Will the Government be pleased to call for and place on the table a report

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from the Director of Agriculture and Fisheries as to what would probably be the yearly income from the sale of the right of growing, catching and selling fish in the Anathazha *chira* in the Trivandrum taluk, which is more than 12 acres in extent and will they also be pleased to direct investigations being made as to the probable income from this source from irrigation tanks restored or to be restored in the taluk of Trivandrum? Will they be pleased to hold out inducements to people to make fish-growing in tanks a profitable industry?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): The Director of Agriculture and Fisheries has been asked to investigate and report upon the possibility of fish culture in the Anathazha *chira*. As regards conducting an investigation, in respect of other irrigation tanks, the Director reports that this cannot be carried out without the appointment of a Special Officer for the purpose as the list of tanks to be investigated is a formidable one. The question will be considered by the Government.

Departmental Examination for Sanitary Circle Officers.

4. **MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI** (*Trivandrum cum Neduvangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state if they have considered the advisability of issuing orders instituting a system of departmental examinations at suitable intervals for the Sanitary Circle Officers on lines similar to those obtaining in the Medical Department?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): The Government will consider the proposal.

Periodical Training of Sanitary Circle Officers.

5. **MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI** (*Trivandrum cum Nedurangad*): (1) Are there any men amongst the Sanitary Circle Officers at present who have undergone training after their entertainment in the department?

(2) Will the Government be pleased to direct that Sanitary Circle Officers should be asked to undergo periodical training?

(3) Are the Government aware that, in the Presidency of Madras, Sanitary Officers are under compulsion to undergo periodical training?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): (1) No.

(2) Government will consider the matter.

(3) Yes.

Appointment in the Sanitary Department of Medical men specially qualified in Public Health.

6. **MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI** (*Trivandrum cum Neduvangad*): Have the Government considered the desirability of appointing a few medical men, with special qualifications in public health, in the Sanitary Department?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): The Government propose taking up the question for consideration in the near future.

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